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REF: A. IAEA VIENNA 2762 B. IAEA VIENNA 2869

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1. SUMMARY: PRINCIPAL DISCUSSION AT A&B COMMITTEE MEETING EXPECTED TO DEAL WITH TARGET FOR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 1975, BUT MISSION EXPECTS AT THIS POINT THAT ISSUE WILL NOT RPT NOT BE SETTLED BY COMMITTEE, BUT RATHER HAVE TO CARRY OVER TO JUNE BOARD FOR RESOLUTION. THIS ASIDE, MISSION AWARE OF NO MAJOR PROBLEMS LIKELY WITH PROGRAM AND BUDGET, ALTHOUGH LDC'S CAN BE EXPECTED CONTINUE AND INCREASE ATTACKS ON SAFEGUARDS PROGRAM. MISSION RECOMMENDATIONS FOR US POSITIONS AT COMMITTEE, SUMMARIZED REFTELS, FOLLOW. ACTION REQUESTED: INSTRUCTIONS FOR MEETING. END SUMMARY.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA: PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR MEETING CONTAINED GOV/COM.9/95 CONTAINS TWO ITEMS. ACCOUNTS UNCLASSIFIED

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FOR 1973 AND PROGRAM FOR 1975-80 AND BUDGET FOR 1975.

MISSION RECOMMENDS US ACCEPT AGENDA.

3. AGENDA ITEM 1 - AGENCY'S ACCOUNTS FOR 1973:

MISSION CONCURS WITH GENEVA GROUP FEELING (REF.A) THAT ACCOUNTS (GOV/1657) WELL PREPARED AND SATISFACTORY. SOLUTION TO ROC ARREARAGE PROBLEM REFLECTED THEREIN NOT RPT NOT EXPECTED RAISE ANY PROBLEMS. MISSION SATISFIED THAT COMPUTER PROBLEM POINTED TO BY EXTERNAL AUDITORS OBSERVATION ON ACCOUNTS HAS BEEN SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED. MISSION RECOMMENDS US SUPPORT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION THAT BOARD ACCEPT ACCOUNTS FOR 1973.

4. PROGRAM FOR 1975-80 AND BUDGET FOR 1975: MISSION'S

GENERAL FEELING IS THAT DRAFT PROGRAM AND BUDGETARY ESTIMATES CONTAINED GOV/1656 ARE SATISFACTORY, IN LINE WITH US INTERESTS IN AGENCY, AND MISSION RECOMMENDS US SUPPORT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION THAT BOARD PRESENT THIS DOCUMENT TO GENERAL CONFERENCE IN SEPTEMBER. MISSION GENERALLY CONCURS WITH OBSERVATIONS OF IAEA GENEVA GROUP (REF.A) AS TO FORM AND PRESENTATION OF DOCUMENT, AND REQUESTS AUTHORIZATION MAKE STATEMENT ESSENTIALLY ENDORSING GROUP'S POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE VIEWS THIS SCORE. AS REGARDS DETAILED SIX-YEAR PROGRAM PRESENTATION, MISSION FEELS THAT, AS USUAL, PLANS FOR PERIOD BEYOND 1975-6 BIENNIUM ARE SO VAGUE AND GENERAL IN NATURE AS TO BE ALMOST USELESS FOR REAL PROGRAM PROJECTIONS, AND RECOMMENDS US INCLUDE IN COMMITTEE STATEMENT OR PRIVATELY AS APPROPRIATE, REQUEST THAT DG RE-EXAMINE BUDGETARY AND PROGRAM PLANNING MACHINERY IN SECRETARIAT WITH EYE TO IMPROVING FORWARD PROGRAM PLANNING BY AGENCY. AS REGARDS DETAILS OF INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMS, MISSION DEFERS TO DETAILED TECHNICAL REVIEW BY INTERESTED OFFICES IN AEC AND OTHER USG AGENCIES, AND RECOMMENDS THAT US ACCEPTANCE OF DRAFT PROGRAM AND BUDGET BE CONTINGENT UPON SECRETARIAT TAKING INTO ACCOUNT SUCH DETAILED COMMENTS AS US SUBMITS SEPARATELY IN PREPARATION OF FINAL DOCUMENT TO BE PRESENTED TO GC.

5. INTRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR POWER IN DEVELOPING

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COUNTRIES: COMMITTEE WILL ALSO CONSIDER EXPANSION OF PROGRAM RELATED TO THIS SUBJECT PROPOSED GOV/COM.9/96. MISSION COMMENTS REF.B. SUBJECT TO DETAILED COMMENTS FROM AEC AND OTHER INTERESTED USG AGENCIES, MISSION RECOMMENDS US SUPPORT PROGRAM EXPANSION.

6. FINANCING OF BUDGET: AGENCY'S BUYING RATE FOR

AUSTRIAN SCHILLINGS HAS VARIED BETWEEN AS 18.74 AND

18.83 FOR PAST SEVERAL DAYS. MISSION COMMENT AND
RECOMMENDATION ON THIS PROBLEM CONTAINED REF.C.

7. TARGET FOR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS: MISSION
REPORT AND ASSESSMENT THIS SITUATION CONTAINED REF.D.
SITUATION STILL HIGHLY UNCLEAR, AND TACTICS AT
COMMITTEE NOT CERTAIN. MISSION ASSESSMENT STILL
THAT MOST LIKELY OUTCOME IS SHARPLY DIVIDED RECORD,
AND NO RPT NO FIRM DECISION BY COMMITTEE, BUT RATHER
REFERRAL OF MATTER TO JUNE BOARD TO BE SETTLED THERE.
MISSION RECOMMENDATION FOR US POSITION AT COMMITTEE
CONTAINED REF. D.PORTER

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